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Dear Mrs Haines –

I know you are interested in each one of us, and I am glad to improve the first opportunity of letting you know how I am situated. "God's ways are not our ways" – and the mysterious designs of His providence who shall question. I will pass quickly over our pleasant meeting at Omaha Mr & Mrs Little's kindness and the delightful hospitality of the people; our pleasant trip over the mountains also the anxiety which we each felt in not meeting Dr Sheldon Jackson. Still this

Address – Care Rev Mr Knowles

was banished upon arriving at Ogden and finding Rev Mr Knowles at the train to meet us and kindly offering to go down to Salt Lake with us. At Salt Lake Rev Mr McNiece and Prof. Cogner met us at the train and conducted us to the basement of the church where were a number of ladies and gentlemen who cordialy took us to their homes and entertained us with that hospitality peculiar to the West.

The committee met on the evening of the day after our arrival - Thursday - and as Mr McNiece had intimated to me before it was decided to send me to Ogden.

I came up here Friday afternoon with Mr Gillespie and

Miss Bartlett on her way to Springville. Rev Mr Park and Knowles met us. Mr K. had already provided me with a good boarding place where I could have the society of Dear Miss Campbell who came three weeks in advance of us. And now they are talking of sending her to a new field and I cannot bear to think of parting with her. We can work together so nicely.

I cannot say that I found the school as I would like; it seemed to me there was no discipline; but Mr K. gave me the sole charge and the teachers say there is already a great change.

I have spent all of my spare moments calling and I hope to be able to do much of that.

laboring under disadvantages the principal one of which is not having a suitable room for school. The long seats in the chapel are very undesirable for school and we have no partitions between the two departments. Still we have good order and not much noise considering our numbers. My department numbers 27 and Miss Campbell's 30. Praying that the dear Saviour may bless all our efforts to win souls to Him, I remain with love

Your sister in the work

Marcia A. Scovel.

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Ogden, Utah
1880.

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Ogden, Utah. Dec. 14/80.

Dear Laborers in the
Mission Field

What a delightful thought it is that "We are laborers together with Christ" and "If God be for us who can be against us".

It is indeed a fact worthy of note that all of our band are so contentedly and cheerfully working for the Master.

Whatever trials or discouragements we may meet we know it is for Him and we feel assured that He will send us no more than He is willing and able to help us bear.

I am now together with

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Miss Campbell my co-worker)
keeping house. That is we have
rooms and take our dinners
at our former boarding place
which is much nearer the
chapel. We have reduced our
expenses one third + are happier
and have more conveniences
than we did while boarding.

Our school is in a very
prosperous condition. The num-
bers are constantly increasing.
Both parents and pupils seem
interested. In our calls upon
Mormon families we are receiv-
ed with the utmost cordiality
and they nearly always think
to thank us for coming. I
think however that Ogden
must be an exception to most
of the towns in this Territory
as all the Mormons with

whom we have to deal treat us very kindly. Probably more than one half of our school are from gentile families. But just now there is much dissatisfaction about the large Mormon school + pupils are coming from there to us and begging us to take them.

I asked the Mormon Bishop's children who came to-day if they would come to our Sabbath school "Oh yes, they said, Our mother don't care where we go."

Our Sabbath Sch. numbers ninety pupils and we have an average of seventy. Rev. McKnowles is one of the best workers among the children that it has ever been my privelege to meet. We are

it is a real treat to teach them. Last Sabbath we had 69 in the school. We have an enrollment of over 60 this term in our day-school but sickness has made some of our pupils irregular.

I hope we may have better accomodations another year. Do you think the board will make an effort to give us an addition to our building? I think I could raise a little through personal friends. At least I will try. We have been praying for guidance from above and that we may have patience to wait. It is time remembering that, "He doeth all things well."

Most sincerely yours
M. A. Scovel.

Marcia A. Loosli
Ogden, 1881

Miss M. A. Loosli

Ogden Utah.
May 19th 1881

Dear Mrs Haines —

How I would like to see you and introduce you to some of our children. They are dearer to me every day. I can look back over these few months and see such a marked improvement in most of them. Yet we have one very discouraging case whom we felt was injuring the others so much perhaps it was better that they should not have the influence. This girl has been with us some time but she seems to have no

conscience with regard to
honesty. Poor child she does not
seem to realize the great wrong
of such a course.

Last evening we were
visited by three of our pupils
and one little fellow was
so much engaged in
committing to memory the
parable of the "Prodigal Son"
that every few moments
during the evening he would
take his testament from his
pocket and steal a glance
at some portion he was
not quite sure of. This
was while we were playing
a game of Authors. After
we had finished the game
I said Alma let me see
how much of it you can
repeat. When to my surprise

he repeated the whole parable commencing with the 11th verse of the XV Chapter of Luke and without misplacing or leaving out a word recited to the end of the chapter. This boy is the son of a Mormon polygamist and until he came to us, never had any religious instruction with the exception of the Book of Mormon. I am much inclined to think that his older sister Laura has already met with a change of heart. She is one of our brightest and most promising pupils.

Perhaps you remember that I have told you that I have a large class of boys in Sabbath School. They are so attentive and intelligent

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Ogden, Utah
1881

Miss Marcia A. Scovel
Ogden - Utah.
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Ogden Utah.
Jan. 18th 1881.

Dear Mrs Haines

As I was just getting my report ready about the time of receiving your letter. I thought there might be in it such items as you desired. Hence I have neglected writing.

We had a very nice Christmas tree for our Sabath school. Our friends in the East helped us very liberally to articles for the tree and the children recited and sang very nicely. We decorated our chapel with evergreen mottoes such as these

"Christ Cometh" in front
and at the back of the room
"Welcome" on one side
cross the word "Bethlehem" with
a star beneath, and on
the other the word "Calvary"
with a cross beneath it.
Miss Campbell and myself
had very little rest during
our vacation there seems
to be always something
which is necessary to be
done for the church or schools
I do not mean this as a
complaint for we love our
work and are willing to do
all that lies in our power
for its advancement.
We boarded for two
months but as we found
that too expensive for our
income, we decided to try

living in a cheaper way
so we rented a furnished
room of one of the elders of
our church and are boarding
ourselves. We get room fuel
and light for $10.50 per month
which is very reasonable indeed
for this country. If it were
not that our housekeeping
occupies all our leisure moments
and that we have three blocks to walk (equal to six in B.)
without any decent sidewalk
we should enjoy our mode
of living much better than
boarding. On school days
we take our dinners near the
building which we get at
25 cts. per meal. Mr Knowles
is very kind to us and is
very anxious that we should
not want for anything to make

as comfortable.

Our present term of school opened with sixty pupils all seem ambitious to learn and if we had better accommodations our numbers would be largely increased.

We long for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Ogden our labors will be in vain without the blessing of our Heavenly Father. Although our discouragements are not like those in some parts of the Country yet we have them all the same and we need the prayers and sympathy of those at home.

Yours with Love Marcia A. Lund.

MOUNT HOLYOKE

Our work here at Ogden presents some peculiar features which are not met with elsewhere in the Territory with the exception of one place. But we pray for peace that we may bear and forbear for the good of this cause.

Miss Campbell and I enjoy working together for each feels that they have a sympathizing friend in the other. We have boarded together with the exception of five weeks ever since I came.

We have both worked hard and endured some

hardships of which one never
dreamed when at home
Still we do not complain
I feel willing to go where-
ever my services can
avail most for the cause
of Christ. I have never
for one moment regreted
that I came to Utah.
I only regret that I have
not had strength to do
more work. We have made
a great many calls which
are sometimes a tax upon
our strength after being in
school all day. We are now
with the help of one other
lady doing the janitor work
of the Church. Our vacation has
thus far been a busy one.

Most Truly and affectionately yours
Marcia A. Pearce.

them. As Presbytery meets here it would be pleasant if they could meet with us. In regard to the outfit I should say about the same things are needed as one would need at home. Plenty of good warm flannels, good substantial underwear; a gray cloth dress is very serviceable, and ginghams that do not show the dust. A good supply of substantial shoes as we have so much walking to do and shoes are so expensive here. They should be careful and not have their baggage over 100 lbs. If you can make similar arrangements to those made for our coming out it will make their trip extremely pleasant. The people at Omaha were so kind and thoughtful. They ought all to remember to take a large lunch.

Marcia Ar Scovel
Ogden, Utah,
1881.

Miss Scovel
ans 7.30/81
names at Fulton N.Y.

Ogden July 16th 1881.

Dear Mrs Haines

Your kind note of July 8th is received and I must tell you that your cheering words went right to my heart and I felt that I would love to come to you, put my hand in yours and tell you of all my little cases and anxieties. I know you would be a sympathizing friend but I do not intend to worry you with trifles.

I have just returned from Salt Lake City I saw Mr McNiece and

Prof. Cozner and gained some very good ideas with regard to their work.

Ogden needs a good school building but you know it requires some head work to get things as they have them at Salt Lake. I cannot help thinking if one had a Prof. Cozner here or one with his energy and experience, one could build up a grand school in Ogden.

I am delighted that you think of visiting Fulton I know you can create a great interest among the ladies. They sent me $25.00 to use about our chapel and one are going to assist

is helping to build a
new fence around the
chapel.

Miss M. St. Gardener
is the president of the
Ladies Missionary Society
and Miss Sara Rockwell Sec.

Rev James Riggs is
pastor. I know you will
receive a hearty welcome.

Do not fail to get an
introduction to my uncle
and aunt Mr & Mrs J. C. Gillespie.
They live one mile from
town but are always at
church.

As to the new teacher
I am sure they will
receive a hearty welcome
and one at Ogden shall
be glad to meet them
and do all we can to assist

yet been ordained nor installed I think Presbytery will meet here this month sometime.

The session will take some action about this matter on Tuesday evening at their regular monthly meeting.

I enclose a brief statement from our school superentendent, which I would like to have returned.

My Uncle's family with whom I make my home were much surprised and grieved at the thought of my leaving them to go so far away. They have a beautiful home and make me very happy. Still I must go where I am needed. May Heavy grace assist and teach us to do his will leaning upon his Almight arm. Everyone. Marcia A. Scovel.

Marcia A. Scovel
West Granby —

Miss Marcia A. Scovel

HAMILTON

West Granby Aug 3rd

Mrs F. E. H. Hamer.

Dear Sister.

I sent you a postal last week upon receipt of your letter, it being the first intimation that I had received of the acceptance of my application I have been very much occupied with school work all Summer but shall take a little time for rest after this week.

Just before receiving your last letter I received a very urgent invitation to go into a family as private teacher and companion for two young girls, but have refused that

I may do this work which has seemed to me to be a call from the Master.

I have written to Mrs Fisk of Lawrence with regard to the work but still I would like to make some inquiries of you about this particular field which has been assigned me.

Is there any school of any description in the place? or has one ever been carried on by your society? Is there a suitable place or building for a school? What opposing element will be strongest? Is there likely to be any one near who will feel a sympathy for the cause of Christ enough to encourage the work?

I earnestly pray that

I may be directed by our Heavenly Father in this work. I feel that my own strength is but weakness.

I was in my infancy consecrated to Christ and his cause and I know how the heart of my father and mother who have long since passed to their reward — would rejoice to give their only surviving child to such a work.

Our church has been more engaged in foreign than in home missions but I hope they will be aroused to this subject and see the importance of elevating and christianizing those of our own land. Our pastor has just entered upon his work among us and has not

the fraud which is practiced upon ~~upon~~ them.

I have charge of the Sabbath school as Mr F. goes to Payson to preach. There were 28 present yesterday and I had no help, but they were orderly and attentive. Mr Fraser has a very good congregation from 50 to 60 every evening who come to hear truth instead of the error which has been and is constantly being poured into their ears. Oh! that all might accept the gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity and simplicity.

Most truly yours

M. H. Scovel

Nephi Juab Co Utah

My Dear Mrs Haines

It seems like some little time since I have written you for various reasons and now I find myself in Nephi with Rev Mr Fraser.

Every thing is so pleasant here that I enjoy my work I can't tell you how much. But I loved the chusch and school in Ogden so much that I shall ever feel interested in its prosperity

I left the dear children all
in tears and if you could
have seen the company at the
depot to say good-bye and
and the dear boys who came
to my room to spend the last
evening of my stay with me
you would not wonder that
it was hard for me to part
from them. Yet I think
I am needed more here
as Mr Fraser had no one
to help him about the school
or church. We have a very
pretty little Mason & Hamlin
organ which is a great help
and I am training some
little girls to sing who have
very pretty voices. They are

a great help to one also
I think one shall soon
have a large school although
it is not very large now
every one is so busy with their
work.

Mr McBurney has
just called upon me
on his way to Salt Lake.
He goes to the Uintas
soon. I think he has
done a good work
here and is a very
fine young man.

You daughters know
that there is a gentile
element here all have
once been Mormons but
many have already seen